# Malcolm Johnson (journalist)

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**Malcolm Johnson** (September 24, 1904 – June 18, 1976) was a noted [investigative journalist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Investigative_journalist) of the 1940s and 1950s. His 24-part series in the [New York Sun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Sun_%28historical%29), *Crime on the Waterfront,* won the [Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulitzer_Prize_for_Local_Reporting) in 1949.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_Johnson_%28journalist%29#cite_note-0)

The Sun articles formed the basis for the 1954 [Elia Kazan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elia_Kazan) movie [*On the Waterfront*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_the_Waterfront)*,*[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_Johnson_%28journalist%29#cite_note-1) which starred [Marlon Brando](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marlon_Brando). Unlike the articles, which described corruption and organized crime infiltration on the [New York City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City) waterfront, the movie was set across the river in [Hoboken](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken,_New_Jersey), [New Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey).

Johnson graduated from [Mercer University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_University) in 1926. He was the father of [Washington Post](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Post) reporter Haynes Johnson.

Johnson's New York Sun articles were compiled as a book in 2005.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_Johnson_%28journalist%29#cite_note-2)